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LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Philip Levine and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager

DATE: January 3, 2014

SUBJECT: NORTH SHORE TENNIS CENTER CLOSURE FOR COURT REPAIR AND TREE TRANSPLANTING

On Wednesday, January 8, 2014, the Parks and Recreation Department will be closing the North Shore Park Tennis Center for planned repairs. The upcoming phased project is expected to take approximately eight to ten weeks.

The project includes the repair to both the clay and hard courts and the removal of and transplanting of 56 Sabal Palms from the tennis center perimeter to a new onsite location adjacent to the athletic fields.

Repair work to the tennis courts include the scarification and addition of 4 tons of material to each of the 10 clay courts, as well as the resurfacing of the 2 asphalt hard courts. All courts will receive new court lines/tape, aluminum posts and nets. Auxiliary court work includes minor fencing repairs and perimeter drainage work to help improve water runoff from the courts.

The removal of the Sabal Palms from their current location will eliminate any future potential for additional tennis court damage or uplift due to the presence of the tree roots. The new location of the 56 Sabal Palms will provide a beautiful and improved view of the Park down 72nd Street, while also providing a much larger rooting space for the palms. Additional tree removals will also occur on the Eastern perimeter of the tennis courts. Some corrective structural pruning will be performed for all canopy trees bordering the Eastern edge of the tennis courts to improve clearance, eliminate deadwood and any defects that may be present. (The Parks and Recreation Department will be looking at replacing the trees removed along the walkway between the courts using the principals of planting the right tree in the right place. Plans and funding for this next phase will be part of the FY13/14 budget process).

It is important to note that the North Shore Park Tennis Center will close completely during the tree transplanting phase (approximately 5 days beginning January 8). However, the rest of the project will be completed in 2 phases, providing the public with up to 6 open courts for play during the length of the project.

Should you have additional questions, please contact John Rebar at (305) 673-7730.

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